

IN THE CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT

I, Detective R. Paz #3278 of the Prince George's County Police Department, the Affiant being duly sworn, request the issuance of a Search and Seizure Warrant and states as follows:

1. APPLICATION AND VIOLATIONS OF LAW

The Affiant hereby makes application to Philip Nichols Jr a judge of the District Court for Prince George's County, Maryland for a Search and Seizure Warrant on the grounds that there is probable cause, the basis of which is set forth in the following affidavit which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to believe that there is property subject to seizure under the laws of this State and more particularly in violation of Criminal Law Article, Section CR3-203, Annotated Code of Maryland.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE, PERSON, OR MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE SEARCHED:

This Application and Affidavit are made to obtain authority to search the premises described below:

1603 Parkridge Circle Apartment 300, Crofton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 21114. 1603 Parkridge Circle is an apartment building. The building is a beige colored half brick half siding structure with a front shed and one pillar. The numbers "1603" appeared in white lettering on top of the main entrance. Apartment number 300 at 1603 Parkridge Circle Crofton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland is at the third level of the building. The entrance door is blue. There is a silver knocker on the middle of the door with a brown placard with the numbers "300" in white lettering.

AFFIANT'S TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

That your Affiant Detective R. Paz #3278, is a Police Officer with the Prince George's County Police Department, Prince George's County Maryland, and has been employed by said department for a period of over five (5) years. Your affiant's law enforcement training and experience include the preparation, presentation, and service of criminal complaints, arrest, and search warrants. Your affiant, in the current position as a district investigator, is responsible for investigating various offenses, including serious assaults to include First-degree assaults using firearms, knives and other dangerous and deadly weapons. Your affiant has made numerous arrests for violations of the laws of this State. Your affiant has testified in courts of this State. This testimony has been accepted by the courts, resulting in the conviction of numerous defendants for violations of the laws of this State.

3. PROBABLE CAUSE (FACTUAL BASIS):

On 07/23/2012 at approximately 0800 hours the victim (CROFOOT, Gary) contacted his employee (PRESCOTT, Neil Edwin) via telephone for a job related matter. The victim (CROFOOT) and PRESCOTT were both employees of Pitney Bowes Inc. located at 9140 East Hampton Blvd Capitol Heights Prince George's County, Maryland, A federal Facility. During that conversation PRESCOTT stated to the victim multiple times "I am a joker, I'm gonna load my guns and blow everybody up". PRESCOTT also stated that he would like to see the supervisors brain splatter all over the sidewalk. The victim hung up the phone and was contacted by the defendant approximately ten to fifteen minutes after. PRESCOTT again made the same statements to the victim and additionally added "It's kind of foolish of me to say this kind of things over government phone". The victim stated that PRESCOTT had been terminated from his job for an unrelated matter. PRESCOTT had been employed with the victim for at least three years. The victim stated that PRESCOTT owns automatic weapons and that his comments made him feel fear for his life. It is clear that the comments made by PRESCOTT reference a recent mass murder which occurred in Colorado within the last several days in which the alleged shooter called himself the Joker, died his hair red and shot up a movie theater containing men, women and children and showing the movie "The Dark Night Rises" a movie in the Batman franchise in which the Joker is a character. Many people were killed in that crime and many others were seriously wounded.

A check through Police Data Base confirmed that PRESCOTT owns approximately thirteen guns. A check through Maryland Vehicle Administration confirmed the defendant's address to be 1603 Parkridge Circle Apt. 300, Crofton, Maryland. On 07/26/12 officers responded the defendant's address located at 1603 Parkridge Circle Apt. 300 Crofton, Maryland and made contact with him. PRESCOTT, NEIL appeared to be groggy and was wearing a T-shirt with the writing "Guns don't kill people, I do". All events occurred in Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

5. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PLACE TO BE SEARCHED AND ITEMS TO BE SEIZED.

Your Affiant knows through police investigative experience that persons who makes a threat to kill someone using weapons and have weapons in his possession have the apparent ability to commit such crime. These weapons and ammunition for these weapons are readily available for access at his place of residence. These items of evidence are often secreted within the residence to avoid police detection.

Based on the facts detailed in this affidavit, your Affiant believes that there is probable cause that the handguns referenced by PRESCOTT when he made the assault by threat described above are within the residence and are evidence of his apparent ability to follow through on the assaultive threat. Those items are

evidence and subject to seizure under laws of this State. Your Affiant prays that a search warrant be issued for **1603 Parkridge Circle Apartment 300, Crofton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland** in order to seize the items of evidence.

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS TO BE SEIZED.

Any and all firearms, and firearm related paraphernalia to include, but limited to ammunition, ammunition magazines, gun cleaning kits, gun carrying cases, holsters, photographs of firearms and/or persons in possession of firearms, and paperwork relating to the acquisition, disposition or storage of any firearms.

This includes the right to open any locked or secured storage areas located on the subject property, to open any and all containers and storage places, and to search any persons found on the property.

Any and all documents, writings or photos which detail plans to commit a mass shooting or other assaultive behavior.

Any documentation showing proof of address

For all of the forgoing reasons, we respectfully request that you issue a Search and Seizure Warrant for the above-described place, person, and/or motor vehicle.

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.


Affiant's Signature

Detective Paz, R. #3278
Affiant's Printed Name and ID#

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME IN MY PRESENCE ON THE 26th DAY
OF July, 2012

C. Philip Nichols

JUDGE

C. Philip Nichols Jr.

JUDGE'S PRINTED NAME

IN THE ~~CIRCUIT~~/DISTRICT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**

Sgt Phillips, Anne Arundel County Police Dept. or any other Police officer
TO: Detective R. Paz #3278, Prince George's County Police Department

Upon reviewing the Application and the accompanying Affidavit of Detective R. Paz #3278, Prince George's County Police Department, which are incorporated into this Warrant, I find there exists probable cause to issue this Search and Seizure Warrant. You are therefore commanded with the necessary and proper assistants to search forthwith the following place, person, and/or motor vehicle and seize the following specified items:

1. You shall conduct a search on the place and/or person located at:

1603 Parkridge Circle Apartment 300, Crofton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 21114. 1603 Parkridge Circle is an apartment building. The building is a beige colored half brick half siding structure with a front shed and one pillar. The numbers "1603" appeared in white lettering on top of the main entrance. Apartment number 300 at 1603 Parkridge Circle Crofton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland is at the third level of the building. The entrance door is blue. There is a silver knocker on the middle of the door with a brown placard with the numbers "300" in white lettering.

2. You shall seize the following items, evidence, and/or contraband:

Any and all firearms, and firearm related paraphernalia to include, but limited to ammunition, ammunition magazines, gun cleaning kits, gun carrying cases, holsters, photographs of firearms and/or persons in possession of firearms, and paperwork relating to the acquisition, disposition or storage of any firearms.

This includes the right to open any locked or secured storage areas located on the subject property, to open any and all containers and storage places, and to search any persons found on the property.

Any and all documents, writings or photos which detail plans to commit a mass shooting or other assaultive behavior.


Any documentation showing proof of address

3. Upon execution of this Warrant, you shall leave an inventory of the items seized, together with a copy of this Warrant, Application, and supporting Affidavit (unless previously sealed by court order) with the person from whom the items are seized, or with the person in charge of the premises, or if neither of those persons is present, then in a conspicuous place on the premises.

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4. You shall return this Warrant to me or, if I am not available, to any judge of this Court within 10 days of the date of its execution, along with verified inventory of the items seized.
5. If this Warrant is not executed within 15 days of its issuance, it expires and shall become null and void. This Warrant may be executed at anytime of the day or night.

26 July 2012
DATE


JUDGE'S SIGNATURE
C. Philip Nichols Jr.
JUDGE'S PRINTED NAME

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SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT RETURN

On July 27, 2012, I searched the premises described in the Warrant and I left a copy of the Warrant with in a conspicuous place, together with a copy of the inventory, Application and Affidavit.

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the Warrant:

1 Assault Rifle (Spike Tactical RM-15179)
4 30 Round Magazines
2 Shotguns (Mosberg & Remington)
1 Beretta 40 Cal handgun
1 Ruger 45 Cal handgun
2 Kahr 9mm handguns
1 Beretta 9mm 92FS handgun
2 Sig Sauer P226 Handguns
1 Browning Arms 22 LR handgun
2 Mauser USSR Rifles
1 FN Herstal Rifle
1 Ruger .357 handgun
1 Night Scope NXS high power rifle scope
2 Spike Tactical upper receivers
100 rounds 12G Remington
4 Upper receivers for rifle
5 lower receivers for rifle
1 AR15 Buffer
1 Saiga FN303
1 Black bag containing magazines of various calibers
40 large steel boxes of Ammo of various calibers (9mm, 308, 40 Cal, .223, 7.62, 5.56, .357, 45 Cal)

The inventory was made in the presence of Det. Bath #3347 and Det. Harvey #2620.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that this inventory is a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me pursuant to the Warrant.


Detective R. Paz #3278

Subscribed and sworn to and returned before me on this _____ day of _____, 2011.

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE

JUDGE'S PRINTED NAME

MADAM CLERK:

Please file and seal pursuant to Maryland Rule 4-601.